


**REMARKS:**

The Office Action dated May 29, 2007 rejected claims 8-9 as obvious under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Kawase (US 5,631,896), Bickford (US 6,678,259) and Sloan (US 5,515,403); objected to claim 10 as depending from a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable; and allowed claims 1-2, 4-5 and 12.

Claims 8-9 are canceled herein without prejudice, and claim 10 is rewritten to independent form to overcome the objection. Minor grammar corrections are made to claims 1 and 4. To avoid repeating claim 5, dependency of claim 12 is changed and "indoor unit" is changed to "apparatus" for proper antecedent basis from claim 10. Each of pending claims 1-2, 4-5, 10 and 12 have been deemed allowed or allowable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to now pass these claims to issue. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to resolve any outstanding matters that may come to light, formal or otherwise, via teleconference at the Examiner's initiative.

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